

RESOLUTION NO. 2026035

RE: CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW R. GUAJARDO,
M.D. AS MEDICAL EXAMINER OF DUTCHESS COUNTY

Legislators VALDÉS SMITH, MUNN, POLASEK, ARNOFF, BRENDLI, DRAGO
KAUL, LAWLER, REDL, RHODES and SHAH offer the following and move its adoption

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 3.04 and 30.01 of the Dutchess County Charter, the
County Executive has appointed Andrew R. Guajardo, M.D. as Medical Examiner for Dutchess
County, effective March 23, 2026, and

WHEREAS, after review of Dr. Guajardo's experience and qualifications, this
appointment is supported by the Dutchess County Commissioner of Human Resources and the
Dutchess County Commissioner of Health, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2025099, this Legislature confirmed the appointment of
Mary Grace Centeno, M.D. as Medical Examiner "until such time as a permanent candidate is
appointed and confirmed," and Dr. Centeno having competently served for an interim, will return
to her position as Deputy Medical Examiner effective March 23, 2026, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XXX, Section 30.01 of the Dutchess County Charter, the
County Executive shall appoint a Medical Examiner subject to confirmation by the County
Legislature, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Andrew R. Guajardo, M.D. as Medical Examiner of
Dutchess County, effective March 23, 2026, is hereby confirmed.

CA-016-26
CEB/rjw
G-0153
01/30/2026
Fiscal Impact: See Attached.

APPROVED

Susan J. Serino

SUSAN J. SERINO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date March 12, 2026

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess, have compared the foregoing resolution with the original
resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 11th day of March 2026 and that the same is a true and
correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 11th day of March 2026.



Julie Shiroyishi
JULIE SHIROISHI, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

Roll Call Sheets

District	Last Name	YES	NO
District 16 - Fishkill and Beacon	Valdés Smith	/	
District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie	Atkins	/	
District 20 - Red Hook, Tivoli, and Rhinebeck	Munn	/	
District 3 - LaGrange	Polasek		absent
District 12 - East Fishkill	Metzger	/	
District 1 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Redl	/	
District 2 - LaGrange, Pleasant Valley & Town of Poughkeepsie	Arnoff	/	
District 4 - Hyde Park and Town of Poughkeepsie	Lawler	/	
District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Shah	/	
District 6 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Kaul	/	
District 7 - Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley	Darrow		recused
District 8 - City and Town of Poughkeepsie	Brendli	/	
District 10 - City of Poughkeepsie	Johnson		absent
District 11 - Clinton, Pleasant Valley, and Rhinebeck	Kearney	/	
District 13 - East Fishkill and Wappinger	Giles	/	
District 14 - Wappinger and Town of Poughkeepsie	Winsby	/	
District 15 - Wappinger	Faust	/	
District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill	McHoul		recused
District 18 - City of Beacon and Fishkill	Rhodes	/	
District 19 - North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan & Red Hook	Drago	/	
District 21 - East Fishkill	Caswell	/	
District 22 - Beekman and Union Vale	Tresca	/	
District 23 - Pawling, Beekman and East Fishkill	Rolison		absent
District 24 - Dover and Pawling	House		absent
District 25 - Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley & Millbrook	Alexander		absent
Present:	<u>20</u>	Resolution:	Total : <u>18</u>
Absent:	<u>5</u>	Motion: <u>Atkins/Munn</u>	Yes
Vacant:	<u>0</u>		No
		Abstentions:	<u>2</u>

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SUE SERINO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE



LIVIA SANTIAGO-ROSADO, MD, FACEP
COMMISSIONER

ANTHONY J. RUGGIERO, MPA
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

DUTCHESS COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MEMORANDUM

To: Ron L. Hicks, Jr., Assistant County Executive

From: Anthony Ruggiero, MPA, Assistant Commissioner for Administration

Date: March 27, 2026

Subject: **Resolution Request for March 9, 2026, Meeting**

It is with great pleasure to submit a Resolution Request Form and Fiscal Impact Statement for the appointment of Dr. Andrew R. Guajardo, M.D. as the Dutchess County Medical Examiner. His appointment will be effective March 23, 2026. Please find attached a copy of Dr. Guajardo's CV and Conditional Letter of Appointment. All conditions have been met.

In addition, Dr. Mary Grace Centeno, MD, who has been serving in the role as Medical Examiner since July 1, 2025, and pursuant to the terms of resolution 2025099 she will return to her previous position of Deputy Medical Examiner. We cannot thank Dr. Centeno enough for all she has done in the seven (7) months in running and maintaining the Medical Examiner's Office.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at my extension 3552 if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

☐ NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTIONS

(To be completed by requesting department)

Total Current Year Cost \$ _____

Total Current Year Revenue \$ _____
and Source

Source of County Funds (check one): ☒ Existing Appropriations, ☐ Contingency,
☐ Transfer of Existing Appropriations, ☐ Additional Appropriations, ☐ Other (explain).

Identify Line Items(s):

Related Expenses: Amount \$ _____

Nature/Reason:

Anticipated Savings to County: _____

Net County Cost (this year): _____
Over Five Years: _____

Additional Comments/Explanation:

Although the negotiated salary is above the salary amount included in the budget, vacancy savings on the Medical Examiner position from the beginning of the year through the hire date, as well as 2 other positions that are currently vacant, will cover the difference as well as the moving costs that were also negotiated.

Prepared by: Jessica White, Budget Director

Prepared On: 1/26/26

SUE SERINO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE



22 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Phone: 845-486-2000

DUTCHESS COUNTY GOVERNMENT

January 27, 2026

Via E-mail & 1st Class Mail
Andrew R. Guajardo, MD
2008 E. Stratford Dr
Salt Lake City, Ut 84109

Dear Dr. Guajardo:

I am pleased to offer you employment for the position of Medical Examiner. Your starting salary will be \$280,000.00. All other benefits will be provided in accordance with the Dutchess County Non-Union Benefit Plan.

This offer is contingent on your appointment and confirmation by the Dutchess County Legislature, scheduled for the March 5, 2026 Committee meeting, and the March 9, 2026 Legislative Board meeting.

We look forward to working with you and your successful career with Dutchess County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan J. Serino".

Susan J. Serino
County Executive

c: Rachel Kashimer, Commissioner of Human Resources

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Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Phone: 845-486-2000

DUTCHESS COUNTY GOVERNMENT

January 27, 2026

Mr. Bradford Kendell
Dutchess County Clerk
22 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

Dear County Clerk Kendall:

I am pleased to appoint Andrew R. Guajardo, MD, as Dutchess County Medical Examiner effective March 23, 2026.

Dr. Guajardo, a board-certified forensic pathologist, returns to his native New York as Dutchess County Chief Medical Examiner having garnered over a decade of experience. Dr. Guajardo has a wealth of leadership experience, and has led his colleagues in implementing best practices, provided his expertise in complicated death investigations, and developed strategies to integrate the work of the medical examiner with that of health providers and organizations in the community.

I look forward to his confirmation and appointment by the Dutchess County Legislature on March 9, 2026.

Sincerely,


Susan J. Serino
County Executive

c: Julie Shirioshi, Clerk of Legislature
Rachel Kashimer, Commissioner of Human Resources
Dr. Livia M. Santiago-Rosado, Commissioner of Health
Anthony J. Ruggiero, Assistant Commissioner of Administration

ANDREW R. GUAJARDO, M.D.

EDUCATION

New York Medical College
M.D.

Valhalla, NY
2009 – 2013

HEARST Foundation Scholarship, NYMC Scholarship Award, Top academic quintile

John Jay College of Criminal Justice
B.S. Chemistry, Concentration: Forensic Science and Toxicology

New York, NY
2004 – 2007

RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP TRAINING

New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator
Fellow, Forensic Pathology

Albuquerque, NM
2018 – 2019

The Johns Hopkins Hospital
Chief Resident, Pathology
Fellow, Neuropathology
Resident, Anatomic Pathology

Baltimore, MD
2017 – 2018
2015 – 2017
2013 – 2015

LICENSURE AND BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

New York Physician License #339555

2025 – Present

Utah Physician License #11254472-1205

2019 – Present

The American Board of Pathology
Forensic Pathology

2019 – Present

The American Board of Pathology
Neuropathology

2018 – Present

The American Board of Pathology
Anatomical Pathology

2018 – Present

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Deputy Medical Examiner, Utah Office of the Medical Examiner

2024 – Present

Forensic Pathology Fellowship Program Director, University of Utah

2024 – Present

Review Editor, Diagnostic and Forensic Neuropathology, Frontiers in Neurology

2021 – Present

Institutional Review Board, Utah Department of Health and Human Services

2021 – Present

Assistant Medical Examiner, Utah Office of the Medical Examiner

2019 – 2024

Forensic Neuropathologist, Utah Office of the Medical Examiner

2019 – Present

Adjunct Instructor, Pathology department, University of Utah School of Medicine

2019 – Present

Director and Organizer, Continuing Medical Education Utah Medical Examiner
Brain Cutting Conference, University of Utah

2019 – Present

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

- Eschbacher KL, Tran QT, Moskalev EA, Jenkins S, Fritchie K, Stoeck R, Caron A, Link MJ, Brown PD, **Guajardo A**, Brat DJ, Wu A, Santagata S, Louis DN, Brastianos PK, Kaplan AB, Alexander B, Rossi S, Ferrarese F, Raleigh DR, Nguyen MP, Gross J, Velazquez Vega J, Rodriguez F, Perry A, Martinez-Lage M, Orr BA, Haller F, Giannini C. NAB2::STAT6 fusions and genome-wide DNA methylation profiling: Predictors of patient outcomes in meningeal solitary fibrous tumors. *Brain Pathol.* 2024 Nov;34(6):e13256. doi: 10.1111/bpa.13256. Epub 2024 Mar 24. PMID: 38523251; PMCID: PMC11483515. 2024
- E Goold, J Klonoski, C Palmer, E Adjei, **A Guajardo**, A Abrahams, Neuropathology Outreach in Ghana, *American Journal of Clinical Pathology*, Volume 158, Issue Supplement_1, November 2022, Page S97, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ajcp/aqac126>. 2022
- Johnson ECB, Dammer EB, Duong DM, Ping L, Zhou M, Yin L, Higginbotham LA, **Guajardo A**, White B, Troncoso JC, Thambisetty M, Montine TJ, Lee EB, Trojanowski JQ, Beach TG, Reiman EM, Haroutunian V, Wang M, Schadt E, Zhang B, Dickson DW, Ertekin-Taner N, Golde TE, Petyuk VA, De Jager PL, Bennett DA, Wingo TS, Rangaraju S, Hajjar I, Shulman JM, Lah JJ, Levey AI, Seyfried NT. Large-scale proteomic analysis of Alzheimer's disease brain and cerebrospinal fluid reveals early changes in energy metabolism associated with microglia and astrocyte activation. *Nat Med.* 2020 May;26(5):769-780. doi: 10.1038/s41591-020-0815-6. Epub 2020 Apr 13. PMID: 32284590; PMCID: PMC7405761. 2020
- Fritchie K, Jensch K, Moskalev EA, Caron A, Jenkins S, Link M, Brown PD, Rodriguez FJ, **Guajardo A**, Brat D, Velázquez Vega JE, Perry A, Wu A, Raleigh DR, Santagata S, Louis DN, Brastianos PK, Kaplan A, Alexander BM, Rossi S, Ferrarese F, Haller F, Giannini C. *The impact of histopathology and NAB2-STAT6 fusion subtype in classification and grading of meningeal solitary fibrous tumor/hemangiopericytoma.* *Acta Neuropathol.* 2019 Feb;137(2):307-319. doi: 10.1007/s00401-018-1952-6. Epub 2018 Dec 24. 2019
- Karisa C. Schreck, MD, PhD; **Andrew Guajardo, MD**; Doris D.M. Lin, MD, PhD; Charles G. Eberhart, MD, PhD; and Stuart A. Grossman, MD. *Concurrent BRAF / MEK inhibitors in BRAF-V600 mutant high-grade primary brain tumors.* *J Natl Compr Canc Netw.* Apr 2018: Vol. 16, Issue 4. 2018
- Diego F. Niño, Qijie Zhou, Yukihiro Yamaguchi, Laura Y. Martin, Sanxia Wang, William B. Fulton, Hongpeng Jia, Peng Lu, Thomas Prindle Jr, Fan Zhang, Joshua Crawford, Zhipeng Hou, Susumu Mori, Liam L. Chen, **Andrew Guajardo**, Ali Fatemi, Mikhail Pletnikov, Rangaramanujam M. Kannan, Sujatha Kannan, Chhinder P. Sodhi, and David J. Hackam. *Cognitive impairments induced by necrotizing enterocolitis can be prevented by inhibiting microglia activation in mouse brain.* *Science Translational* 12 Dec 2018: Vol. 10, Issue 471. 2018

Waters KM, Rooper LM, **Guajardo A**, Halushka MK. *Histopathologic differences partially distinguish syndromic aortic diseases*. Cardiovascular Pathology. 2017; 30: 6-11. 2017

Nauen DW, **Guajardo A**, Haley L, Powell K, Burger P, Gocke, C. *Chromosomal defects track tumor subpopulations and change in progression in oligodendroglioma*. Converge. Sci. Phys. Oncol. 2015; 1(1). 2015

Ghuznavi N, Nocera NF, **Guajardo AR**, Weinberg JM. Emerging medical treatments for actinic keratoses, squamous cell carcinoma, and basal cell carcinoma. Clinical Investigation. 2012 Sep; 2(9): 909-921. 2012

PRESENTATIONS

American Academy of Neuropathology Atlanta, GA
AR Guajardo, H Jarrell. Balo's Concentric Sclerosis: Autopsy of a Rare Demyelinating Process. **Poster presentation**. 2019

Neuropathology Core Leaders Meeting San Diego, CA
AR Guajardo, G Rudow, O Pletnikova, D Arking, JC Troncoso. RNAseq in frontal cortex of young subjects with ApoE 3/3 and 3/4 genotypes free of Alzheimer's Pathology. **Platform, Poster presentation** 2017

American Academy of Neuropathology, Interesting case unknown session Santa Ana, CA
AR Guajardo, A Tabbarah, F Rodriguez. Dyskeratosis Congenita Hoyeraal-Hreidarsson Syndrome. **Case presentation** 2017

- Best Case Presentation Award, *Diagnostic Slide Session*

American Academy of Neuropathology Baltimore, MD
AR Guajardo, CJ VandenBussche, DA Hill, M Reyes-Mugica, CY Ho. Malignant Transformation in Neurocutaneousmelanosis. **Poster presentation** regarding NCM at autopsy 2016

United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology Seattle, WA
AR Guajardo, CJ VandenBussche, DA Hill, M Reyes-Mugica, CY Ho. Malignant Transformation in Neurocutaneousmelanosis. **Poster presentation** regarding NCM at autopsy 2016

United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology Boston, MA
AR Guajardo, ML Zhang, MK Halushka, BJ Crain. A Tell-Tale Heart of Fabry Disease. **Poster presentation** regarding atypical presentation of Fabry disease at autopsy 2015

The Johns Hopkins Hospital Baltimore, MD
AR Guajardo. Primary CNS Lymphoma. **Presentation** covering new research developments concerning disease prognosis and therapeutics 2014

LECTURES/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Office of The Medical Examiner, Forensic Pathology

Instructor

Salt Lake City
2020-Present

- Forensic pathology didactics for forensic pathology trainee(s).

University of Utah, Medical School Intersession

Instructor

Salt Lake City
2024-Present

- Forensic pathology lecture for elective classes during intersessions.

The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Neuropathology

Instructor

Baltimore, MD
2015-2017

- Weekly lecturer for Neuropathology conference to residents and attending neurologists and pathologists

The Johns Hopkins Hospital

Guns, Knives, and Rotting Corpses, Pathology Symposium

Baltimore, MD
2016

- Pathology department-wide lecture and Q&A session

The Johns Hopkins Hospital

Tutor

Baltimore, MD
2013-2015

- Provided curriculum-tailored 1 on 1 tutoring services throughout 1st and 2nd year medical student coursework

The Johns Hopkins Hospital

Lecturer, Overview of Gunshot/Blunt Force Trauma and its Mimickers at Autopsy

Baltimore, MD
2013-2014

- Delivered annual 45-minute lecture to residents with an emphasis on board preparation

The Johns Hopkins Hospital

IgG4 Related Disease, Gastroenterology Grand Rounds

Baltimore, MD
2014

- Discussed current histopathology and clinical understanding of the disease

The Johns Hopkins Hospital

Medical-Social Reality of Chile, Grand Rounds Short Talk

Baltimore, MD
2014

- Grand Rounds short talk on Salvador Allende's contribution to medical legislation in Chile

The Johns Hopkins Hospital

Ghouls and Grand Rounds: Fears of Our Time, Grand Rounds Short Talk

Baltimore, MD
2014

- Themed short talk covering the cultural implications and evolution of 'Zombies'

New York Medical College

Pathology Tutor

Valhalla, NY
2010-2012

- Reviewed and tutored course of study covering clinical and histopathological diagnoses

New York Medical College
Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Anatomy Tutor

Valhalla, NY
2010-2012

- Instructed on medical anatomy using written material and cadaveric dissection

OTHER EXPERIENCE

AG Forensic Neuropathology LLC
Private Consultation

2020 – Present

- Provide first and second opinions on forensic and neuropathology casework providing guidance, drafting reports, and giving testimony as applicable

The Johns Hopkins Hospital
Joseph Eggleston Memorial Lecture Selection Committee

Baltimore, MD
2014

- Organized annual visiting professorship for the Division of Surgical Pathology

The Johns Hopkins Hospital
The Johns Hopkins Pathology Diversity Committee

Baltimore, MD
2014

- Reviewed and developed methods to increase recruitment and retention of underrepresented minority faculty members and residents

The Johns Hopkins Hospital
Tissue Committee Member

Baltimore, MD
2014

- Quarterly review of tissue consultation and pre-procedure slide review for Pathology Department

Westchester Labs and Research
Forensic Science

Valhalla, NY
2007

- Analysis and validation in various departments including Criminalistics, Drug Chemistry, and Arson using microscopes, HPLC, TLC, UV/IR, GC-MS, and GRIM-3

LANGUAGES

- English (native)
- Spanish (moderately fluent- speaking, reading, writing)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- National Association of Medical Examiners
- American Association of Neuropathologists
- American Academy of Forensic Sciences
- American Board of Pathology
- Gold Humanism Honor Society

Family and Human Services Committee Roll Call

<i>District</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
District 16 - Fishkill and Beacon	Valdés Smith*	X	
District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie	Atkins*	X	
District 20 - Red Hook, Tivoli, and Rhinebeck	Munn*	X	
District 3 - LaGrange	Polasek*	X	
District 12 - East Fishkill	Metzger*	X	
District 2 - LaGrange, Pleasant Valley & Town of Poughkeepsie	Arnoff (C)	X	
District 19 - North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan & Red Hook	Drago	X	
District 24 - Dover and Pawling	House		ABSTAIN
District 6 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Kaul (VC)	X	
District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill	McHoul		ABSTAIN
District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Shah	X	
District 14 - Wappinger and Town of Poughkeepsie	Winsby	X	

Present: 12

Absent:

Vacant:

Resolution:

Motion:

Total : 10

Abstentions: 2 **Yes** **No**

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District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie	Atkins	X	
District 20 - Red Hook, Tivoli, and Rhinebeck	Munn	X	
District 3 - LaGrange	Polasek		ABSENT
District 12 - East Fishkill	Metzger	X	
District 1 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Redl	X	
District 2 - LaGrange, Pleasant Valley & Town of Poughkeepsie	Arnoff	X	
District 4 - Hyde Park and Town of Poughkeepsie	Lawler	X	
District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Shah	X	
District 6 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Kaul	X	
District 7 - Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley	Darrow		ABSTAIN
District 8 - City and Town of Poughkeepsie	Brendli	X	
District 10 - City of Poughkeepsie	Johnson		ABSENT
District 11 - Clinton, Pleasant Valley, and Rhinebeck	Kearney	X	
District 13 - East Fishkill and Wappinger	Giles	X	
District 14 - Wappinger and Town of Poughkeepsie	Winsby	X	
District 15 - Wappinger	Faust	X	
District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill	McHoul		ABSTAIN
District 18 - City of Beacon and Fishkill	Rhodes	X	
District 19 - North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan & Red Hook	Drago	X	
District 21 - East Fishkill	Caswell	X	
District 22 - Beekman and Union Vale	Tresca	X	
District 23 - Pawling, Beekman and East Fishkill	Rolison		ABSENT
District 24 - Dover and Pawling	House		ABSENT
District 25 - Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley & Millbrook	Alexander		ABSENT

Present:	<u>20</u>	Resolution:	<u> </u>	Total :	<u>18</u>	<u> </u>
Absent:	<u>5</u>	Motion:	<u> </u>		Yes	No
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